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SUBJ: EDITORIAL CRITICIZES "THE EVENTUAL VISIT OF HENRY KISSINGER"

1. THE ULTRA-CONSERVATIVE AFTERNOON DAILY EL DIARIO, ONCE AGAIN ATTACKED U.S. LATIN AMERICAN POLICY IN AN AUGUST 11 EDITORIAL. REFERRING TO RE-EMERGING WASHINGTON RUMORS OF A POSSIBLE KISSINGER VISIT TO LATIN AMERICA, EL DIARIO SAID SARCASTICALLY THAT SUCH A VISIT HAS BECOME INDISPENSABLE BECAUSE U.S.-LATIN RELATIONS HAVE DETERIORATED TO THE POINT WHERE DELA, AN "INSTRUMENT OF OPEN AND JOINT CONFRONTATION" WITH THE US, CAN BE PROMOTED AGGRESSIVELY.

2. LAUNCHING INTO AN OVERALL CRITIQUE OF US RELATIONS IN THE HEMISPHERE, THE EDITOR SAID THAT PRESIDENT FORD'S EARLY STATEMENT TO LA AMBASSADORS THAT LATIN AMERICAN RELATIONS WOULD NOT BE RELEGATED TO SECOND PLACE AND THE SECRETARY'S WORDS CONCERNING ESTABLISHING A NEW DIALOGUE WERE FINE SOUNDING WORDS BUT THAT THEY WERE FOLLOWED BY COLD REALITY. SINCE EXPRESSING THOSE LOFTY SENTIMENTS THE U.S. HAS: 1) REDUCED AID TO LATIN AMERICA; 2) APPROVED THE TRADE BILL; 3) FOLLOWED A POLICY OF DETENTE, INCLUDING RECOGNIZING SOVIET TERRITORIAL GRABS AT HELSINKI; 4) RESCUED CUBA IN THE OAS; 5) PULLED OUT OF THE MONTEVIDEO MEETING ON SCIENCE AND THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY WITHOUT THE LEAST CONSIDERATION; AND 6) DESPITE PREVIOUS PROMISES, DECIDED TO PUT NEGOTIATIONS WITH PANAMA IN THE DEEP FREEZE UNTIL AFTER THE 1976 ELECTIONS.

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3. IN A CAUSTIC CLOSING PARAGRAPH EL DIARIO SAID "WELCOME KISSING-
ER...ESPECIALLY IF YOU CAN SUCCEED IN PERSUADING US THAT THE AL-
TERNATIVE OF A LOYAL AND FRUITFUL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN YOUR COUNTRY
OF ADOPTION AND THE REGION SOUTH OF THE RIO GRANDE HAS NOT BEEN
IRREPARABLY WRECHED ON THE WIDE BREACH BETWEEN THE WORDS AND
THE ACTS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT."

4. COMMENT: IN EXPRESSING SOME OF THESE SENTIMENTS EL DIARIO IS
NOT A LONELY VOICE. THESE VERY CRITICISMS OF US POLICY ARE HEARD
WITH DISTURBING FREQUENCY IN URUGUAY--EVEN AMONG WELL-INFORMED
OFFICIALS.
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